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THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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## Opportunities for the Deaf

"I suppose I have about as peculiar a line as you ever heard of. I get a salary of \$20,000 a year and all expenses going up and down the country looking for men." This was the answer given by a traveling man to a fellow traveler upon being asked his line of business. He said that he found them in churches, schools, colleges, anywhere and everywhere. He was working for a great corporation and they paid him this big salary just to find men suitable for their work. The success of the company depended upon men. They wanted faithful and competent men whom they could trust, and it was cheap for them to pay \$20,000 a year to find them.

When we look about us and see the great number of people everywhere, we can hardly reconcile this statement of the traveler, says a writer in the Wisconsin Times. The large cities seem to be crowded to overflowing. In fact, there appears to be too many. We sometimes wonder how all of them find employment. Yet there is a constant search for men. We need men in America today more than we ever did. The problem presents itself as an inverse proportion, the more men we have the more we need.

What I wish to impress upon the deaf is the fact that there is a constant demand for men who can do things. The demand for better men increases.

It takes a brave man to be his very best. He must be a good man. He must be sober and wide awake. He must be conscientious and God-fearing, gentle and self-abstaining. He must live a rational life and observe the simple laws of health.

The call for men of whom I speak does not mean the demand for men who can work only with their hands, but it means men who can stand for what is right and best in society, in church, in politics and for moral excellence in state and nation.

The deaf need not feel that they cannot share the success that other men enjoy. That their deafness is a disadvantage cannot be denied, but to surmount the barrier adds luster to the glory. It matters little whether a word be spoken, spelled on the fingers or written, so long as it is proclaimed for truth, purity and the right; it matters little whether a piece of work is done by silent hands so long as it is done well. The vote cast by the hand of a deaf man counts for just as much as the vote cast by the hearing man. The deaf could, and

often do, wield a great influence by taking the initiative in matters for the betterment of society and the home. No matter how humble the home or how small your estate, you can have an influence for good. You can make the community better by being in it if you will so live that your influence will tend for good.

The first place to begin making a man is in the home. A real man in the home will be a hero on life's battlefield. The deaf mothers must ever remember that the influence of the mother in the home is the greatest power in the world. It is a great opportunity. You can forget your own limitations in preparing your sons and your daughters for useful service.

Some may say the battle is too hard, that prejudice and competition have no pity, or that you had a poor start and cannot cope with the burden. But let me tell you the things that are worth while cannot be taken from you. An honorable life may be persecuted, but it cannot be destroyed. Truth cannot be crushed. It is true that in this generation the skilled hand has great advantage over the unskilled, the more reason that you should prepare for the fray. Remember that even our prisons contain men who are among the finest artisans in the land. They can do many things that call for skilled labor, but they are useless as a factor for good for the lack of balancing force of character and morals. They are like a war vessel with its guns manned for the battle, but void of ammunition.

I wish that I might impress upon the young deaf boys and girls in school what an opportunity they have for becoming useful men and women, provided they use their time. Your moments at school are golden. Do not waste them. Learn to have respect for law and order.

There are societies and churches especially for the deaf where they can come together in mutual relationship and help each other. There is no objection to these so long as they are factors for the uplift of humanity, but the deaf should not be too averse in taking part in any movement for good in the communities in which they live.

Above all, see that your own life is developing in the right way. Have control over your appetites. Good men are not sought for in places of darkness. See to it that no conduct of yours depreciates your manhood. Be every inch a man and you will find that you are needed.

## DEAF LINOTYPE OPERATORS.

A short time ago reference was made in these columns about Herman Harper, a deaf linotype operator at Deming, New Mexico. The Inland Printer had a communication from Mr. Harper in its columns, in which he said: "I have been asked by nearly every one, by the deaf as well as the hearing, if my deafness has not in some way hindered my making good as a linotype machinist operator. I wish to say that this affliction has never rendered me incapable of keeping the machine in good running order. With a thorough knowledge of the mechanism of the linotype, and careful attention to its various parts, any deaf man who is a good printer, will have no trouble operating the linotype. I think that every deaf-mute who is a good printer, and who has no trouble with English, punctuation, capitalization any syllabication, should be encouraged to take advantage of an opportunity to learn how to operate the linotype. There are about twenty or more deaf-mutes who are now running the linotypes. The reason so few deaf-mutes are operating is because most of the state schools for the deaf are not supplied with linotypes to give the pupils in the printing departments an opportunity to learn its operation. I have known three or four deaf operators who are considered as good as could be, including Keys, of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, who has in charge a Model 9; one on the Dallas (Texas) Morning News, and another on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Major Screws, now deceased, but formerly owner and editor of the Advertiser, once told me that he wanted another Keys, and that's when I got my first inspiration to become a linotype operator. Judging from the fact of their holding jobs with their respective employers for ten years or more, these men must have given satisfaction."

It should be added that there are two deaf operators on the Post-Intelligencer—Chas. Gumaer and A. W. Wright—and now C. Harold Linde is trying to secure a steady "sit" there as an operator. Mr. Linde took the Inland Printer operator's course in Chicago.

## HAPPY IN WORK.

God intends no man to live in this world without working, but He intends every man to be happy in his work.—Ruskin.

# THE OBSERVER

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## WORKING HARD BUT QUIETLY.

More or less has been said in some quarters that the National Association for the deaf was not doing anything of value these days. This is certainly not the case, for the association is today doing much more than at any other time in its career. There is less blowing of the horn about its work than five or six years ago, but the work is a thousand times more effective and varied, and in the course of a little time the aggregate will show results that the enemies of the association today say are impossible. There is no need for the officers and their assistants to go about telling every detail of what is being done—no more so than it is necessary for a big business house to proclaim to the community all its inner workings. That good progress is being made and the association is growing in membership and influence is sufficient.

President Howard has numerous committees at work, each with definite duties to attend to and secure results. The work is being done; neither the president nor the committee workers have the time to tell of every movement made. In due course of time the results will be published. In the meantime it would be well for those who do not know the inside of everything to say less and work more for the general good of the association and await the time when things accomplished can be announced. Indeed, there are certain phases of the work now being executed by President Howard which cannot be given publicity, lest all the plans are upset and the work come to naught.

## BY AN ORAL GRADUATE.

A significant remark made by Mr. Nuboer, an American and a former pupil of the Lexington Avenue school for the deaf, New York, at the recent Congress in Paris, was that he had changed his mind as to the value of the oral method of instruction, says the Catholic Deaf Mute. Mr. Nuboer said that experience had taught him that the combined system of instruction was the best. He was at the Congress held in Paris about twenty years ago and was then a rabid oralist. He was now strongly opposed to it as a means of instruction for all the deaf. The strange thing about the whole assertion is that Mr. Nuboer has almost wholly regained his hearing and is no longer to be classed as a deaf-mute. The value of his remarks is in the fact that Mr. Nuboer in his association with the deaf has been able to compare their artificial speech with that of hearing people, and he has discovered that the speech of the deaf is of little use to them, and as for the much touted claim for lip-reading, it has very decided limitations. His idea is—give the best education possible by the quickest and easiest method adapted to the pupil. This will serve to make the boy or girl self-supporting and independent in the world, which is, after all, the main object of education.

The Kentucky Standard says: The Arizona school is conducted as a department of the University of that state. Recently, when a clash in regard to methods came between H. C. White, who has conducted it along combined system lines, and one of the teachers who wished it changed to a pure oral school, the president sided with the oral teacher and removed Mr. White. But now comes the news that the president's resignation has been called for by the regents of the University. It is said there will be a reorganization all around.

## BEG PARDON, DOC.

A letter has just reached me from our friend, Dr. J. L. Smith, calling my attention to my comment in a recent issue of this paper relative to the origin of a report about Miss Reeves of Los Angeles. Really, I had no idea of accusing any one of "lifting" the article, a note of little importance; I merely gave what I thought was the original source of it. The article on the subject by the editor of The Observer lent strength to the subject. The practice of copying another's news without credit is a thing to be condemned, and it is highly proper that all conscientious editors and news gatherers use their efforts to stop it. Dr. Smith concurs

with me in this. I am sorry my comment should have been construed as an accusation, as it was not meant as such. HOWARD L. TERRY.

In the Michigan Mirror Arlington Eickhoff says: "In the February Silent Worker, of New Jersey, Mrs. E. L. Schetnan writes interestingly and cheerily of the hardships and trials of life on a western homestead. On the opening of the Cheyenne river and Standing Rock Indian reservations, in South Dakota, she secured an allotment. It is fertile land, but owing to droughts, prairie fires, and cyclones they have had only one good crop year in the four they have been living there, and then they did not get the full benefit because the soil was not tilled deeply enough. They are going to stick it out and have settled on corn, alfalfa, and grazing as the proper combination. Mr. Schetnan has found his printing and linotyping, learned at school, just the thing to help him through the lean years." Mr. Schetnan secured the rudiments of his education in the school at Vancouver, Washington.

## THE DEAF ELSEWHERE.

J. W. Langkam, Jr., whom some of the Seattle deaf will remember as a resident here a short time, is now located at Hersey, Michigan. He writes that it is difficult to find steady employment in his section, there being more applicants than jobs. There are a large number of deaf workmen in the Buick automobile factory at Detroit and other places.

The inmates of the home for aged and infirm deaf at Columbus, Ohio, seem to have a knack for preparing fine dinners. The students of Otterbein University at Westerville make a practice of going there for a good lunch or dinner and pay well for what they get. A party of twenty-nine students were there recently for a fifty-cent dinner and later a bunch of forty-six came for a twenty-cent lunch.

Ernest K. Hill, a freshman in the engineering department of the University of Michigan, who is totally deaf, has just passed all his mid-year examinations in five subjects and has been given the highest mark in each that is given at Michigan. The only difficulty he has encountered is in studying a foreign language, and although he entered the university with excellent markings in German and Latin, he asked that he be allowed to substitute English literature, history or political science for a foreign language, and this request was granted. Only one other student in the freshman class in the engineering department equaled young Hill.



## SEATTLE NEWS NOTES.

The social for May occurs next Saturday, and will be held at the home of Seth Ladd, 1222 North Forty-Sixth street.

George Ecker, of Whites, Washington, writes that his family will probably be in Seattle for a visit this summer.

P. L. Axling went to Tacoma Sunday morning in connection with several matters affecting the deaf, and returned the same evening.

Mrs. A. M. Wade went to Tacoma Sunday morning and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond and other friends, returning Monday.

Miss Mabel Scanlan came down from Everett last Sunday and spent the day with friends. She has recovered from what was considered quite a serious illness and now feels exceptionally well.

Rev. Oscar Fedder will resume his services for the deaf on Sunday, June 7, at the church on East Union street and Twenty-second avenue. He will preach in Tacoma the following Sunday.

Miss Annie Munro returned to Seattle from a two weeks' visit in Vancouver, B. C., where she went to see her little son. It is understood she will remain in Seattle a few weeks longer.

Cyrus Lippy, father of T. S. Lippy and uncle of Miss Myrtle Hammond, died a short time ago, aged 78. The funeral was very largely attended and the floral tributes were most elaborate and numerous.

S. T. Walker, formerly a resident of Portland and latterly superintendent of the school for the deaf at Fulton, Missouri, is now living at Merriam, Johnson county, Kansas, from which point he sends his greetings to his Seattle friends through The Observer.

The Stateschool for the deaf at Vancouver will close June 10, and the local deaf may expect to see the Meaghers here for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Divine, with their youngest children, will probably go to the Gallaudet college reunion and the convention at Staunton.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Adams at Renton, Washington, Friday, May 15th, making the fourth child in the Adams family. The event caused Roy Harris to cancel his proposed fishing trip Saturday and make a furious ride on his motorcycle to see his new niece.

Messrs. Adams, Harris and Koberstein went to Maple Valley the first of the week, expecting to land a good catch, but they found the river too high and secured only a few trout. They told us how long they were, but we did not see them, so cannot vouch for the size.

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SEATTLE, WASH.

The church services for the Seattle deaf at Trinity Parish took place last Saturday and were in charge of Alfred Waugh. There was a good attendance. The next services of the kind will be held in the open air and will be led by Mr. Hanson. Elsewhere in this issue Mr. Hanson outlines the open air meeting.

Ray B. Foster, whom every one knows, left his home near Tacoma and went to Bend, Oregon, the first week in May, expecting to take up a homestead in that vicinity. A few days on the ground convinced him it was no place for him, so he returned to Tacoma at once and declares he is satisfied to remain on Puget Sound.

President Wright, of the Puget Sound association, called the members of the executive committee together last Saturday evening and held a session, the meeting taking place at his house. After adjournment a few games of "500" were indulged in, followed by light refreshments served by Mrs. Wright. Only the members of the committee and their wives were present.

## ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Puget Sound association for May took place the evening of the ninth, with President Wright in the chair and Alfred Waugh recording the proceedings. There was a good attendance and several matters of more or less importance were disposed of. Considerable time was taken up with a discussion of the arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July, and it was finally decided to communicate with the deaf in Tacoma and ascertain how they would look upon a proposition for the Seattle deaf to go over there and help them celebrate. The suggestion of going to Tacoma was favorably received.

Following the business part of the meeting President Wright invited discussions on the commission form of government of cities, with especial reference to the charter prepared by the fifteen Seattle freeholders who have been at work on the instrument. Three or four of the members gave their views, which indicated a disposition to condemn the proposed charter for the reason the electors asked for a commission form and the charter committee is proposing a managerial form of government, with a large and cumbersome council.

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# PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Meeting at Carpenter Hall, Fourth Avenue just north of Pine Street.

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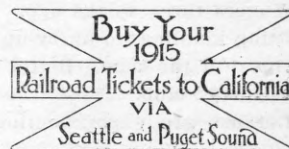
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## SPOKANE NEWS NOTES.

The Spokane association is planning to have a big picnic on the Fourth of July, the place to be selected soon and announced in The Observer. It is expected many of the deaf in the Inland Empire will be present.

Mrs. Susan Thmopson, mother of Mrs. A. B. Barney and grandmother of Mrs. Erve Chambers and Norman Barney, passed away suddenly May 3 at her home in this city. She was the wife of John B. Thompson, a Civil War veteran, who survives her, and was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. Her age was 75, and as long as she had the strength she took great interest in the deaf of Spokane. Her funeral was held May 5, and a large number of the deaf were there. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

The May meeting of the Spokane association was held at the home of Mrs. Belle Bergh Saturday night, May 2, this being the regular date for the annual election. The following officers were elected: Clyde Patterson, president; Frank Banister, vice-president; Mrs. Belle Bergh, treasurer; Jas. H. O'Leary, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Banister, sergeant-at-arms. The decision to hold a picnic on July 4th was also disposed of, but the association is not going to ask financial aid of the public, as was attempted last year by certain parties here.

The leading deaf of Spokane are disgusted with the peddling being done by one or two of the deaf, and if those parties do not stop the practice the names will be published. We class the deaf peddlers among the beggars. It hurts the respectable deaf to have a few of their number go about peddling. We would rather see imposters at work than deaf peddlers, as it is easier to handle them.

C. J.

## TACOMA.

The Thursday club has another enjoyable meeting Thursday, May 14th. Mrs. Bertram was hostess and invited the members to a picnic luncheon at Point Defiance. The table was daintily decorated with sprays of red and white roses, and a delicious repast was served with the hot coffee, without which no picnic seems complete. The Point offers unusual facilities for picnickers and it is rumored the deaf of Seattle are to join us there in a Fourth of July picnic.

Mrs. Lorenz almost severed one of her forefingers three weeks ago. She was splitting kindling, to hurry up her evening meal at the time. Better join a "Don't Hurry" club.

The Lorenzs are experimenting in

the pig industry, having purchased several small porkers from William Rowland. Ham goes well with eggs, they say, which is all we know about it.

R. B. Foster has decided, after further investigation of his "promising" homestead, that he doesn't care to locate on it. Hence he is back in Tacoma.

Miss Mabel Slegel had quite a write-up in the Tribune of this city recently. The article dealt with her work in the magazine agency field, etc., and a life-like cut of Mabel accompanied it.

Mrs. A. M. Wade gladdened the eyes of us Tacomans by appearing in our midst Sunday wearing her new suit for the first time. She certainly looked very trim in it. P. L. Axling also came over on business and visited various parties, including the writer.

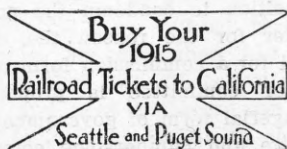
## MRS. O. H. FAY DECEASED.

On Tuesday, April 28th, Ada M., beloved wife of Orson H. Fay, Portland, Oregon, passed from this earth at the age of 29 years, after a three weeks' illness with pneumonia, the second case she had within five months. Besides her husband, she leaves a six-year-old daughter. The death was all the more of a shock to Mr. Fay, as his mother, who was an invalid for 17 years, died at Seattle not quite three weeks before.

The funeral took place at the Byrnes undertaking parlor, the following Sunday, which was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral designs. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. DuBois and interpreted by Mrs. Metcalf. The pallbearers were Messrs. Joe Jorg, Wayne Thierman, Charley Lawrence, Bud Hastings, Scott and Reeves. Mr. Fay has the most heartfelt sympathy of his many friends in his sad loss.

## BATTISTE WITH HELENA CLUB.

H. L. Battiste, the young deaf Indian pitcher, who has been with the Portland and Northwestern ball club, is now with the Helena club, a member of the Union association. He is still under the jurisdiction of the Portland club, the Helena team being under the control of the latter. Battiste is a right-hand twirler and the Helena team, needing one such, borrowed him for the season. Battiste writes that he liked the change, but wished he could get into Seattle, Spokane and other towns nearer the coast, where he could meet his friends among the deaf. He sends his greetings to them all.



## BIBLE CLASS OPEN AIR MEETING.

The next meeting of the Bible class, Sunday, June 21, will be an open air meeting in Washington Park. Members will meet at 3 p. m. at Thirty-first and Madison, just across the bridge, where the boulevard crosses Madison street. Then walk north along the path through the woods past the speedway barn to a little park on Union bay, between the lake and the automobile roadway, where there are over a dozen benches under the trees. The meeting will be held there. The walk takes about half an hour. Try to be at Thirty-first and Madison at 3 p. m. The party will leave at 3:30 sharp. Those desiring may bring a light lunch and take supper in the park.

After the meeting some will cross the Lake Washington canal to the University grounds, where the big convention of the Dunkards will be in session. Those desiring to go home earlier can take the Twenty-third avenue car, which runs within two blocks of the place of meeting.

OLOF HANSON.

## TAKE THE OBSERVER

The Observer will be the only paper for the deaf published in the west during the summer, and it should be the aim of those who want to keep posted on the doings of their friends to take the paper. A special rate of twenty-five cents is made to those desiring the paper for the summer. Of course it is better to send the dollar and get the paper a whole year, but the publisher will be as much pleased to receive the twenty-five cents and place your name on the list for three months.

## TO EXCHANGES.

The address of The Observer is now 222 LIBERTY BLDG., SEATTLE Wash. We hope all of our exchanges will make this change of address without further notice. Newspapers not properly addressed do not always reach their destination.

Weston Jenkins, for several years superintendent of the New Jersey school for the deaf, but during the past ten or twelve years one of the teaching staff of the Alabama school, where he was editor of the Messenger, died last month at the latter school. Prof. Jenkins was a most efficient teacher of the deaf, and the profession has lost a good man.

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